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SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECT STORMFURY

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1. EMBASSY FEELS THAT SUGGESTION OF FORMATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL POLICY ADVISORY BOARD (IPAB) TO DEVELOP THE TECHNICAL AND POLICY GUIDELINES FOR THE CONDUCT OF STORMFURY HAS MUCH MERIT, BUT RECOMMENDS THAT IPAB NOT REPEAT NOT BE UNDER THE AEGIS OF ESCAP/WMO. EVEN IN MATTERS OF SCIENTIFIC AND HUMANITARIAN NATURE, ROC REPRESENTATION IS AUTOMATICALLY EXCLUDED FROM PARTICIPATION IN DELIBERATIONS OF ANY UN-RELATED ORGANIZATION SUCH AS WMO. ANY ARRANGEMENTS FOR AN IPAB SHOULD INSURE
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ROC PARTICIPATION. ROC HAS ALWAYS STRONGLY SUPPORTED

STORMFURY, HAS A WELL QUALIFIED GROUP OF METEOROLOGISTS, AND HAS OFFERED USE OF APPROPRIATE FACILITIES HERE IF NEEDED.

2. IPAB SHOULD BE COMPOSED PRIMARILY, AT LEAST, OF REPRESENTATIVES OF COUNTRIES IN REGION WHICH HAVE A DIRECT INTEREST IN CONSEQUENCES OF STORMFURY EXPERIMENT PLUS US AS SPONSOR OF STORMFURY, AND THOSE COUNTRIES SHOULD HAVE MOST DIRECT INVOLVEMENT AND GREATEST RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEVELOPMENT OF TECHNICAL AND POLICY GUIDELINES FOR CONDUCT OF EXPERIMENTS. JAPAN, ROC, AND PHILIPPINES HAVE PERSONS PROFESSIONALLY AND TECHNICALLY QUALIFIED TO DEVELOP THESE GUIDELINES. SIMILAR COMPETENCE PROBABLY EXISTS IN OTHER COUNTRIES IN REGION. SUCH AN IPAB SHOULD HAVE AUTHORITY TO REQUEST SERVICES OF EXPERTS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES AS CONSULTANTS ON AN AD HOC BASIS AS REQUIRED.

3. IF THERE ARE COMPELLING REASONS WHY AN IPAB SHOULD BE UNDER THE AEGIS OF A BODY WHOSE MAKE-UP IS BROADER IN SCOPE THAN THE REGION TO BE INVOLVED IN STORMFURY, RECOMMEND THAT IT BE THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF SCIENTIFIC UNIONS (ICSU), RATHER THAN ESCAP/WMO. THE 62-NATION MEMBER (1974) ICSU HAS TAKEN A FIRM POSITION THAT POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO EXCLUDE SCIENTISTS FROM ANY COUNTRY FROM PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS OF THEIR SCIENCE BODIES. THE INTERNATIONAL UNION OF GEODESY AND GEOPHYSICS (IUGG), ONE OF THE CONSTITUENT BODIES OF ICSU, HAS MEMBERS AND ADHERENTS FROM 71 COUNTRIES. OUR INFORMATION INDICATES IUGG INCLUDES THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF METEOROLOGY AND ATMOSPHERIC PHYSICS. BURMA, INDONESIA, JAPAN, KOREA (BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH), MALAYSIA, PHILIPPINES, ROC, THAILAND, AND VIETNAM ARE LISTED AS AFFILIATED WITH OR ARE MEMBERS OF IUGG.

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